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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****AUG 30 2004****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of****Takatoshi SUZUKI****Group Art Unit: 2615****Serial No.: 09/559,857****Examiner: V. Boccio****Filed: 27 April 2000****Attorney Docket No.: CANO:006****For: IMAGE STORAGE SYSTEM, IMAGE STORAGE METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM****COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Lyle Kimms****AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
WITH PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION****Sir:**

In reply to the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply requires a one-month extension.

Applicant requests a one-month extension, from July 30, 2004 to August 30, 2004, for replying to the outstanding Office Action. The one-month extension fee is \$110. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$110 (or any additional fees required to maintain the pendency of this application) to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.

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images meet the predetermined size requirement. Such a feature is entirely missing in Yamauchi. Accordingly, applicant submits that Yamauchi would not have anticipated or rendered obvious the invention set forth in claims 1 and 16 within the meaning of §§ 102, 103.


Schelling similarly would not have disclosed or taught the reduced image size detecting feature set forth in claims 1 and 16. Specifically, Schelling discloses a system for forming an index print containing thumbnail images. The index print is formed by selecting the desired frames from the motion picture sequences and saving those frames such as in a PICT format. Schelling does not disclose or teach that the medium, from which still images from the motion picture sequences are obtained, contains thumbnail images. Indeed, Schelling merely discloses forming thumbnail images from still frames without any reference to the copying condition. That is, Schelling does not disclose or teach copying thumbnail images from one medium to another based on the thumbnail image size. Accordingly, Schelling would not have anticipated or taught the invention set forth in claims 1 and 16.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-5 and 16-18 patentably distinguish over the applied references and thus urges the examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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